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In re Application of:

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For: A BACTERIAL MULTI-HYBRID
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, Paper No. 15, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 16 and 33.

Please replace claims 10-12, 14, 15, 17-22, 25-32, and 34-38 with the following amended claims:

10. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of selecting a molecule of interest that binds to a target ligand, wherein the method comprises:

(1) providing a signal amplification system that comprises a bacterial multi-hybrid system of at least two chimeric polypeptides comprising:

(A) a first chimeric polypeptide comprising a first fragment of an enzyme;

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